



COPS Fact Sheet

Community Oriented Policing Services

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1998 Community Policing/Domestic Violence Initiatives

Purpose

In 1998, Congress appropriated approximately \$10 million to create a program entitled Community Policing to Combat Domestic Violence. The current COPS initiative seeks to provide a multi-pronged approach by funding community policing/domestic violence test sites, training, and research initiatives.

Test Sites

This program targets a select number of communities and researchers to assist in the development of comprehensive, coordinated, and innovative techniques to reduce the incidence of domestic violence. The COPS Office is funding Community Policing-Based Domestic Violence test project sites to target a domestic violence priority area. Up to \$500,000 is being provided to police departments (no local match is required) that have established an effective community policing history and their partnering groups to combat domestic violence.

The community policing-based funding areas include: training, implementation of full-faith and credit, partnerships, workgroups, research and evaluation, threat assessment, investigation units, rural communities, tribal communities, stalking, and under-served populations. By funding such projects, the COPS Office enhances law enforcement agencies coordinated response to domestic violence through such avenues as round tables, problem-solving, data collection, and community policing efforts.

Training

Training is an integral component to advancing community policing efforts to address domestic violence issues. The training will be delivered through the network of existing

Regional Community Policing Institutes (RCPI's); partnerships that were created to provide policing education, training and technical assistance to COPS grantees, other policing agencies; and community residents in a designated region. Each of the 25 Institutes throughout the United States has been allocated \$100,000 through Community Policing to Combat Domestic Violence. The Institutes are offering the opportunity for a coordinated, national education effort to target the causes of domestic violence and serve as think tanks where leaders in the field have an opportunity to develop appropriate solutions to reduce domestic violence in communities.

Research

This year, approximately \$300,000 is available to conduct both qualitative and quantitative research at non-profit agencies and universities across the nation. The research and evaluation project measures community-police responses to domestic violence and evaluates the impact and effectiveness of community policing as a response to domestic violence. Specific examples of research activities may include: testing tools of measurement to evaluate community collaborations, developing and implementing survey studies and identifying successful community policing partnerships.

Eligibility Requirements

Jurisdictions were asked to submit a community policing overview, a grant proposal, a project timeline, budget, collaborative agreements, and other administrative forms. The selection process was competitive. Projects selected for funding demonstrated a community policing strategy which has been in existence for a minimum of four years. In addition, the lead law enforcement agency must have entered into a formal agreement with at least two partnering agencies.

Funding

Up to \$500,000 was awarded to each test site project under a cooperative agreement with law enforcement, academic institutions and partnering agencies. Partnering agencies included, but were not limited to, non-profit domestic violence service providers, academic institutions, and health care providers and batterers treatment providers. There also were cooperative agreements in the amount of \$100,000 to RCPI's for the express purpose of domestic violence training.

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